



MINUTES

Monday, September 24, 2001
Commonwealth of Virginia Information Technology Symposium
Preston Library, Virginia Military Institute

4:00 — 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Secretary of Technology Donald W. Upson; Tim Bass (Virginia Retirement System); Cheryl Clark (Department of Motor Vehicles); Merritt Cogswell (Department of the State Internal Auditor); Ray Davis (Department of Game and Inland Fisheries); Scott Fairholm (Department of Information Technology); Jan Fatouros (Department of General Services); Chip German (University of Virginia); Mike Goetz (City of Lynchburg); Larry Gumprich (Department of Social Services); Larry Hengehold (Virginia Community College System); Bernie Hill (Virginia Department of Transportation); C. Preston Huff (The Library of Virginia); Joy Hughes (George Mason University); Shelly McCabe (Secretary of the Commonwealth); Lan Neugent (Department of Education); David Nims (Electronic Government Implementation Division); John Noftsinger (James Madison University); Gerry Pacyna (State Corporation Commission); Jim Peters (Virginia Employment Commission); Dee Piscella (Department of Corrections); Chris Saneda (Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control); Bill Shinar (Virginia Geographic Information Network); Jerry Simonoff (Department of Technology Planning); David Sullivan (City of Virginia Beach); Bill Wilson (Division of Legislative Automated Systems)

Staff:

Jenny Wootton (Department of Technology Planning)

Presenters, Guests, and Representatives:

Nick Batey (National Assembly for Wales); Nancy Dexter (SAS); Phil Doty (PCCI); Ed Ernouf (PDC); Bud Kinzer (EIS); Don McCorquodak (SAS); Fred Norman (CVC); Jim Nystrom (Worldcom); Robert Reynolds (University of Virginia); Joe Sampson (Autonomy); Mindy Savedge (EDS); Sudhakar Shenoy (IMC); Sushma Shenoy (IMC); Catherine Stark (EDS); Brian Weaver (Sigaba); Dan Ziomek

(Department of Technology Planning)

Members Absent:

Farley Beaton (Department of Taxation); Don Darr (Department of Planning and Budget); Ken Mittendorff (Supreme Court of Virginia); David Molchany (County of Fairfax); Ernie Steidle (Department of Rehabilitative Services)

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Council meeting are: (1) To discuss COVITS 2001; (2) To discuss how COTS can support and ensure the success of the MyVirginia and e-Communities initiatives at COVITS and beyond; (3) To understand the objectives and deliverables of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science; (4) To review the policies, standards, and guidelines resulting from Enterprise Architecture; and (5) To discuss the formation of an ad hoc Workgroup on Major IT Project Reporting.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Secretary of Technology Donald W. Upson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. COVITS, should be exciting and different and will put into motion what all of us together have been working on for the last three and a half years. I think it brings together the Governor's vision to reach out and use government to bring people together at all levels and for all sectors of the economy. The notion of reaching out to every citizen is more important than ever. While September 11 was one of the most tragic days in American history, I believe that it will also be one of the greatest moments in American history. We have become what we have always professed to be: one nation, indivisible. It is incredible to see what is going on in this country and I know we are all proud to be Virginians and certainly Americans. This conference is important to people all over the state and I want to thank publicly the COTS Council for everything they have done leading up to it. COTS has the maturity, the depth and the breadth, the cooperation, the collaboration, the frustration, the anxiety—but it all works out. Before we begin, I want to thank Joy Hughes for the COTS booth. I also want to thank Executive Director Jenny Wootton for the marvelous job she has done working with Virginia Military Institute and being the event manager for COVITS.

Ms. Wootton thanked all the COTS members who helped with the planning and execution of the conference.

Overview of COVITS 2001

Ms. Wootton presented the agenda for COVITS, including the printed conference program created in partnership with the Office of Graphic Communications in the Department of General Services. As of the registration closing date on Friday, September 21, there are 750 registrations. Last year we had approximately 500 and in our first year we had approximately 250. The conference continues to grow

and is an excellent opportunity for networking for state government, local government, higher education, K-12 education, and all of our industry partners.

Ms. Wootton solicited volunteers to staff the COTS Booth and serve as COTS Ambassadors during the conference. It is important to ensure that people who visit the booth understand COTS and the role the Council plays in technology in Virginia.

My Virginia: Connecting Every Citizen, Every community Every Business, Everywhere

Secretary Upson described the focus of the conference in relation to the Council and the other components of the Governor's initiatives—the e-Comm, ms2es, Gcit. We are part of an evolution that took us from our own organizational standpoint to collaboration and cooperation across state agencies and across levels of government and to our private sector partners. We are working on a host of different initiatives, from research and development to government services to economic development to community involvement and bringing together what is the trademark of what the governor wanted to accomplish in technology is inclusion. COTS represents inclusion and I look at COVITS 2001 as a celebration of what we've done. This is the largest state IT conference any state has put on, including New York and California. The reasons people come here is because we are talking about people, about reaching communities, about unfolding initiatives we have been working on for a long time, including the OCVA PIN. No government in the world has put together a single PIN environment not because the technology isn't there. It is relatively simple. The cooperation isn't there. We have more willingness to participate from government entities than the ability to put up applications by December 1st. That's an incredible problem to have!

To make state services accessible from the state page and from community portals. It is the role of the state to provide local governments with the capability to put up their own services. And then match it with a program to put every business in the state online and activating chambers of commerce to create a revenue stream and an incentive to populate those respective business sites with more information. A guidebook the e-Communities Task Force put out describes the top ten community portal building activities. The redesigned My Virginia web page allows you to search through Richmond or put your zip code in to go to your community portal. These are all part of an important vision to get to communities to say, 'we're here to help you do it your way.' What struck me about a conference I spoke at in Colorado, was concern about broadband. We believe that people are concerned about their jobs, the education of their children, ability to participate in this economy. This conference launches the e-Community initiatives and could be the foundation for future regional meetings.

When we briefed the Governor on the program, he observed that the early thinkers of the Internet could have gotten it all wrong—maybe it's not about a large, homogenous planet, maybe it's about reinforcing the most important boundaries, our communities. The success depends on the communities.

The fact we have the kind of program we do with the kind of participation we do the fact that both gubernatorial candidates are coming to speak is a big statement. And the fact that the chairman of the

information technology committee in the U.S. House of Representatives is coming to give a keynote address is a big statement. COVITS is a celebration, a launch of a new initiative, and a substantive greeting to the winner of the next gubernatorial election. In a few months, a new Secretary of Technology will be in place. I am honored to have been a part of this, and I thank our hosts at the Virginia Military Institute.

COTS ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF MY VIRGINIA INITIATIVES

Secretary Upson requested Cheryl Clark to provide an update on the MyVirginia PIN initiative. Ms. Clark said the idea for the statewide PIN was a recommendation from the DSI Workgroup. We had decided that DS would not be with us in the very near term and the PIN would provide the right level of assurance for the majority of applications. There will be two panel discussions at COVITS to describe

Overview of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science

Workgroup updates

Travel and Expense Reporting System Update

New business/PUBLIC DISCUSSION/CLOSING REMARKS

No new business was introduced.

ADJOURN

Ms. Wootton thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council on Technology Services

